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Mystery writers to honor HBO, Vanity Fair and BGSU

For those who've visited the William T. Jerome Library, it's no surprise that the Mystery Writers of America will honor BGSU at the 58th Annual Edgar Awards.

Stacks and stacks of spy thrillers, detective novels, pulp magazines, manuscripts and letters written by America's finest mystery masters are preserved on the library's fourth floor for close inspection by students, faculty and visiting scholars.

It's one of the largest popular culture library collections of its kind. And, at the Edgar Awards on April 29, the Ray and Pat Browne Library for Popular Culture Studies will receive a Raven Award for "commitment to preserve mystery fiction through a formidable and constantly growing collection of detective mystery novels and manuscripts."

"It is very rare that libraries are recognized, so this is a wonderful, significant award," said Lorraine Haricombe, BGSU dean of libraries. "It's an honor that recognizes the commitment, preservation and collection efforts of everyone over the years who has been associated with the library and made it regionally, nationally and even internationally known. We hope the award will inspire more people to seek out the collection," the dean added.

Home Box Office (HBO) and Vanity Fair magazine also will be presented special awards by the association this year. HBO will receive an Edgar Award for its role in the producing groundbreaking crime series such as "The Sopranos" and "The Wire." Vanity Fair and its editor, Graydon Carter, will receive a special award for extensive, on-going coverage of true crime.

Mystery Writers of America is the world's leading organization devoted to the crime genre. More than 700 authors, publishers and editors are expected to attend this year's awards dinner at New York's Grand Hyatt Hotel. Winners of the 2003 Edgar Awards for the best work in a variety of categories, including best novel, short story, young adult, television episode teleplay and motion picture screenplay, also will be announced at the event.

Bowling Green is often called the birthplace of popular culture studies. The library collection was created in 1969 to support growing interest in the study of American everyday life. Last fall, it was renamed in honor of scholars Ray B. and Pat Browne, whose visionary efforts launched the campaign to preserve and provide access to materials documenting American popular culture.

The research library has grown principally through donations. Its strengths include materials related to popular fiction, performing arts and entertainment, graphic arts and mass communications, sports, travel and recreation; teen culture and counterculture; folklore, wit and humor, science fiction, adventure and murder mysteries.

The mystery-detective fiction collection contains the works of all major authors in the genre, including classic sleuth stories, hardboiled private eye novels and spy thrillers. Unique serial resources include 8,500 pulp magazines in which stories by such writers as Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler and Norman Daniels were first published.

The E.T. Guymon detective fiction collection alone contains more than 1,600 books, literary manuscripts, photographs and materials relating to the Baker Street Irregulars as well as authors Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Vincent Starrett and August Derleth, among others.

Holdings also include 43 letters of Ellery Queen and manuscripts by Ruth Rendell (Barbara Vine) and Marcia Muller; juvenile series fiction, including the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew, and a unique collection of vintage paperbacks, including early Avon, Black Knight, Popular

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Library and Fawcett Gold Medal mystery paperbacks.

There also are ghost stories. The Invisible Ink Collection, donated by Chris Woodyard, author of the "Haunted Ohio" series of ghost stories, contains more than 1,400 volumes.

Bowling Green Librarian Nancy Down, interim director of the popular culture library, won't place a monetary value to the collection, but she does have some personal favorites. Marcia Muller's manuscripts and the letters of Ellery Queen are both interesting and valuable, she said, because the materials "enable the reader to see the extent of research and creativity that comes to play as the manuscripts evolve toward publication."

Trustees amend charter, reorganize education college

The Board of Trustees acted March 2 on changes to the Academic Honesty Policy, the College of Education and Human Development, and University travel and entertainment policies.

The trustees approved changes to the Academic Charter regarding the Academic Honesty Policy. The culmination of a review process that has lasted several years, the changes are aimed at expediting the investigation and resolution of charges of cheating, plagiarism and other violations of academic honesty by moving the administrative part of the appeals process from the Faculty Senate to the Office of the Provost.

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Barbara Waddell, assistant vice provost, will now coordinate the appeals process for cases resolved at the instructor or college level. As Provost John Folkins explained to the Academic Affairs Committee, in the past, because Faculty Senate does not meet regularly throughout the summer, charges that arose during spring final exams might not be resolved for several months, leaving both students and faculty in limbo. By having a full-time, permanent staff member overseeing the process, it can move along much more quickly. Also, the amended policy "greatly reduces the timelines," Folkins said, so that the process does not bog down.

Also in the approved charter changes, students may also submit their grounds for an appeal in person, in addition to their written request. Previously, only written requests for appeals were considered.

Waddell said that she will be implementing an educational component as well so that students clearly understand what constitutes academic honesty. She will work with Student Affairs to see that the Student Code of Conduct Handbook is updated to reflect the changes to the charter.

Also, on the advice of the University General Counsel, some of the policy's more legalistic language has been amended. For example, the word "penalty" has been changed to "sanctions," and "guilty" to "in violation." The burden of proof has been restated as "more likely than not" in place of "beyond a shadow of a doubt."

Reorganization of the College of Education and Human Development

Changes for the College of Education and Human Development were approved as well. Of the four schools in the college, the School of Education and Intervention Services was twice as big as the other three schools and was considered too diverse to function effectively. The change will split it into the School of Education, Teaching and Learning and the School of Intervention Services, which also serves to even out the number of faculty in each of the schools.

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Travel and entertainment policies

Following discussion in the Financial Affairs Committee, the board approved changes to the University's Travel Reimbursement Policy aimed at making it "very streamlined and easy to read and follow," according to Trustee Edward Ferkany.

Along with increased mileage and meal reimbursement rates, a new Business Entertainment Policy was adopted to replace the Employee and Public Relations Expenses section of the Travel Reimbursement Policy. Now, exceptions to the entertainment policy for activities that are related to University business must be approved by the president or a vice president who is not involved in the activity.

Effective April 1, mileage will be reimbursed at 36 cents per mile, up from 34 cents. Per diem allowances for meals were increased by \$1 and set at \$31 per day in average-cost cities and \$43 per day in high-cost areas specified in the policy.

President's housing

Following an executive session, the board passed an interim resolution to approve a housing allowance for President Ribeau and named Trustee Valerie Newell to handle negotiations for the amount.

Trustee Michael Marsh explained that because the lease on the rented condominium in which the president has been living will end this month, Ribeau must decide whether to stay there or move while a decision is being made on the president's house on Hillcrest Drive. The BGSU Foundation is examining options for needed renovations of the University-owned property.

Discussion items

Also discussed at the meeting were negotiations for a partnership agreement with Uptown Bucks of Oxford, Ohio, to provide a debit-card account program for use at off-campus stores and restaurants. Under the "City Bucks" program, faculty, staff and students will be able to deposit money into an account and make purchases at participating merchants using their BGSU ID cards. Liquor sales will not be permitted with City Bucks.

Uptown Bucks will administer the program, including making arrangements with local merchants, opening and closing accounts and taking deposits.

Several state universities have begun such a program in response to proposed legislation encouraging universities to allow local businesses to participate in their charge or debit-card systems, the board heard.

On another matter, Chief Information Officer Bruce Petryshak gave an update to the Financial Affairs Committee about a new University software administrative system that will replace some of the University's aging and limited systems. PeopleSoft, which is used by about 700 U.S. colleges and universities, has been chosen to run the Human Resources system (HRS); Advantage Financial Systems (AFIN), which handles all the University's financial transactions, and Student Information Systems (SIS). The project is expected to take about five years to complete.

Unlike the current administrative systems which run on an IBM mainframe, PeopleSoft is server based, and thus will be accessible round the clock, seven days a week. Employees will be able to review their benefits and students may check grades and bills, for example, at any hour. By contrast, the current system shuts down in the evening for necessary back-up and data extraction. The first University area to be addressed will be HRS, followed by AFIN and SIS.

The new system will help the University keep pace with all the Web-based services it now offers and will allow smooth communication between various information systems.

The next board meeting will be held on May 7.



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Clinic bombing survivor to close Women's History Month at BGSU

Erin Lyons, a registered nurse who survived a 1998 abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham, Ala., will cap Women's History Month at the University with a March 31 speech.

Lyons, a reproductive rights activist, will speak at 7 p.m. that evening in 101 Olscamp Hall.

"Changing the World: Women and Social Justice" is the theme for the month, which also features theatre and Brown Bag Lunch Series presentations leading up to Lyons' keynote address.

As she arrived for work at the Birmingham clinic on Jan. 29, 1998, a pipe bomb filled with nails detonated in front of her, inflicting serious injuries. After months of recovery, she dedicated her time to speaking for women's rights and against violence toward reproductive health providers.

Featured in various newspapers and magazines, and on national television programs, Lyons received Planned Parenthood's Woman of Valor Award in 1999 and has spoken at the organization's national meeting. She has also worked to promote legislation to protect clinic employees and patients.

The month's activities at BGSU pick up after spring break with a March 16 performance by Da' Coloured Gurtz Collective. The theatre troupe will present "I Believe I Need to Talk" at 7 p.m. in 228 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The troupe uses music, dance, video and drama to convey a message of inner strength and perseverance. It is dedicated to honoring women's voices and their experiences of homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence, single parenting and self-actualization.

On March 17, the Brown Bag Lunch Series will address "Violence Against Women with Disabilities" from noon-1 p.m. in 207 Union. Discussing the need for advocacy by and for disabled battered women will be Patricia Murphy, a visiting professor of disability studies at the University of Toledo, and Shelley Papenfuss of the Sylvania Ability Center.

The lunch series continues March 24 with "Eleanor Roosevelt: A Passion for Justice," presented by Catherine Cassara, journalism, and concludes March 31 with the sixth annual Bring Your Favorite Professor/Mentor to Lunch program. Both events will begin at noon in the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Covering the period from 1945-48, Cassara will speak about newspaper coverage of Eleanor Roosevelt's diplomatic evolution and the development of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which the former First Lady championed.

The March 31 lunch program is free for students and their invitees—women who have made a difference in the students' lives. Invitations are available at the Women's Center.

The center will also host a March 26 discussion being held in conjunction with the BGSU Theatre production of "Antigone."

Jean Anouilh's adaptation of the Sophocles play will be staged at 8 p.m. March 25-27 and at 2 p.m. March 27 and 28 in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre, located in University Hall.

On March 26, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., the Women's Research Network will present "Staging Provocation: Jean Anouilh's 'Antigone' and 'Bad Girls.'" By defying her uncle, King Creon, and his state, Antigone provokes debate about authority, apathy and individual moral codes. Guests at the program will watch a scene between Antigone and her rule-abiding sister, Ismene, then be part of a discussion about the risks and rewards of being a "bad girl" or "good girl" in our society. Presenters will be Jane Barnette, theatre and film; Erin Miller, a graduate student who is portraying Ismene in "Antigone," and Anne Marie Sweeney, an undergraduate student who is playing the title role.

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Forum on Patriot Act to be held on March 16

A forum examining the provisions of the U.S. Patriot Act and its effects on research, speech and student life will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. March 16 in 202 B Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Speakers include Steven Dettelbach, a U.S. attorney based in Cleveland; Herbert Strentz, a professor at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Drake University; Philip T.K. Daniel, a professor at Ohio State University's School of Education and Law; and Tracy Mitrano, a professor and policy adviser for Cornell University's Office of Information Technologies.

Dettelbach will present a legislative history of the Act and Department of Justice concerns with respect to public universities. Strentz will address the Department of Justice's recent subpoena of Drake University requesting meeting and personnel records related to a meeting of the National Lawyers Guild at Drake.

Daniel will address the Patriot Act's implications for student privacy and free speech, and Mitrano will address the management of information and technologies on campus in the wake of the Patriot Act.

Open to the public, the forum is presented by the Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Affairs, the Office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Office of the Executive Vice President, University Libraries and the School of Communication Studies.

Nominations due for President's awards

Nominations are being accepted for three President's awards. They are the President's Award for Academic Advising of Undergraduate Students by Faculty and Staff; the President's Award for Collaborative Research and Creative Work, and the Elliott L. Blinn Award for Faculty-Undergraduate Student Innovative Basic Research/Creative Work.

The awards will be presented at the annual Faculty Recognition Dinner.

A description of each award and guidelines for nominations can be found on the Web at www.bgsu.edu/offices/provost/Pres_Award_Guidelines_04.pdf.

Nominations and supporting materials must be received in the provost's office by April 5. Call Sharon Mason at 2-9939 with any questions.

Arts and Sciences Forum to examine learning communities

"Learning Communities and the Value of Democracy and Diversity" will be the topic of the next College of Arts & Sciences Forum March 18.

David Schoem, a noted author and faculty director of the University of Michigan Community Scholars Program, will speak on how learning communities provide students an ideal environment for intellectual inquiry, civic engagement and participation, and dialogue with peers from diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

A \$6.55 (plus tax) soup and salad buffet will begin at noon in 202B Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Reservations are due by Friday (March 12). Contact the college office at 2-2017 or ajoyce@bgsu.net with your BGSU ID number.

The 12:30 p.m. presentation is free and open to faculty, staff, students, groups and classes.

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CALENDAR

Monday, March 8

Men's Basketball vs. Ohio University, MAC First Round, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Thursday, March 11

Business After Hours, featuring the Center for Archival Collections and Historical Collections of the Great Lakes, 4:30-6 p.m., 5th floor, Jerome Library. Sponsored by Friends of the University Libraries and the BG Chamber of Commerce. Call 419-353-7945.

Monday, March 15

Dissertation Defense, "Comparative Effects of Content Area Reading Instruction on Rural Secondary Students' Attitudes, Metacognitive Strategy Awareness, and Reading Achievement," by Kim E. Forget, educational administration and leadership studies, 9-11 a.m., 113 Education Building.

Dissertation Defense, "Perceptions and Experiences of Mobile High School Students," by Kevin Gorman, educational

administration and leadership studies, 3-5 p.m., 444 Education Building.

Continuing Events

March 8-14

Spring Break. No classes. Campus administrative offices open.

Through March 17

Art Exhibit, "Diversity in Art Education," presented by the Art Education Club, Union Art Galleries. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays.

Through April 7

Art Exhibits, sculptures by Erica Neitz and graphite drawings by David Sapp, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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FACULTY

Romance Languages. Instructor. Call Philip Peek, 2-2468. Deadline: April 3.

Telecommunications. Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor (two positions). Call Srinivas Melkote, 2-9324. Deadline: April 9.

Arts & Sciences. Professor/Director of COSMOS. Contact cosmos@bgsu.edu. Deadline: April 15.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

The following position is being advertised

on and off campus:

Clerical Specialist (C-8-Ve)—University Bookstore. Twelve-month, part-time. Pay grade 5. Deadline: 1 p.m. March 12.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Associate Director of Purchasing (R-007)—Finance and Administration/Auxiliary Services. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: March 12.

Assistant Football Coach (V-016)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Deadline: March 19.

Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach (R-012)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Deadline: March 19.

Head Men's Soccer Coach (V-011)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Deadline: March 19.

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017NF)—Student Health Services. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications will begin March 31.

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Housing Administration (R-014)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: April 2.

Residence Hall Director (V-018)—Office of Residence Life (three positions). Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until all positions are filled.

Director of Gift Planning (V-046)—Office of Development, University Advancement (Re-advertised). Administrative grade 18.

Review of applicants began Feb. 20. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

Staff Internal Auditor (R-077)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications began Dec. 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

University General Counsel (04-004NF)—General Counsel/Office of the President. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience. Review of applicants began March 1. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

OBITUARIES

Willard "Bill" Fox, 84, professor emeritus of educational administration and supervision, died Feb. 26 in North Carolina. A faculty member from 1959-81, he chaired the education department from 1962-65.

Dr. Donald Hilty, 74, died Feb. 26 in Toledo. A dentist, he served BGSU students in the former University Health Center during the 1970s.